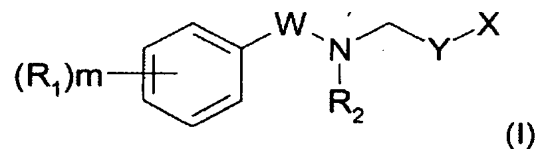


**IN THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A compound of formula (I):



in which:

$R_1$  denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl group, or a group  $-CN$ ,  $-OR_{11}$ ,  $-SR_{11}$ ,  $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ ,  $-COR_{11}$ ,  $-COOR_{11}$ ,  $-CONR_{11}R_{12}$ ,  $-NR_{11}-CO-R_{12}$ ,  $-NR_{11}-CO-NR_{12}R_{13}$  or  $-CF_3$  or a halogen atom,

where  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group  $-OR$ ,  $-NRR'$ ,  $-COOR$  or  $CF_3$ ,

where  $R$  and  $R'$  independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl group,

$W$  is an unsubstituted, linear  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkylene or alkenylene chain,

$X$  is a group  $-OR_{11}$  or  $-NR_{11}R_{12}$ , where  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  have the meanings indicated above,

$Y$  denotes ~~an unsubstituted, linear or branched  $C_{11}$ - $C_{20}$  alkylene or alkenylene chain~~ a di ( $C_5$ - $C_7$ ) alkylethylene or di ( $C_5$ - $C_7$ ) alkylpropylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero~~ wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5, the groups R<sub>1</sub> may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

2. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is a salt obtained by addition with an inorganic acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric, sulphuric, nitric and phosphoric acids.

3. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein the compound is a salt obtained by addition with an organic acid selected from the group consisting of succinic, fumaric, lactic, glycolic, citric and tartaric acids.

4. (Original): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R<sub>1</sub> is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> where R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,
- R<sub>2</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a saturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group,
- W is an unsubstituted, linear C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylene or alkenylene chain,
- X is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> where R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,
- Y is an unsubstituted, branched C<sub>11</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> alkylene chain.

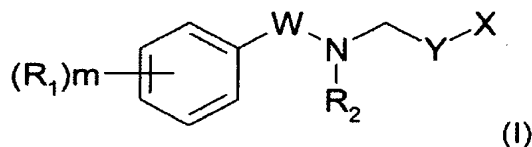
5. (Original): A compound according to Claim 4, wherein at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R<sub>1</sub> is a group -OH or -OCH<sub>3</sub>,

- $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom or an ethyl group,
- W is a trimethylene or propenylene chain,
- X is a group -OH,
- Y is an unsubstituted di( $C_5$ - $C_7$ )alkyl ethylene or di( $C_5$ - $C_7$ )dialkyl pentylene chain.

6. (Original): A compound according to Claim 5, wherein:  $m = 0$ ;  $R_2$  is an ethyl group;  $X = OH$ ; Y is a dipentylethylene chain; and W is a trimethylene chain.

7. (Currently Amended): A composition suitable for topical application to the skin, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one compound of formula (I):



in which:

$R_1$  denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl group, or a group -CN, -OR<sub>11</sub>, -SR<sub>11</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, -COR<sub>11</sub>, -COOR<sub>11</sub>, -CONR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>-CO-R<sub>12</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>-CO-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub> or -CF<sub>3</sub> or a halogen atom,

where  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group -OR, -NRR', -COOR or CF<sub>3</sub>,

where R and R' independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl group,

W is an unsubstituted, linear C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylene or alkenylene chain, or a methylene chain,

X is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> or -NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, where R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> have the meanings indicated above,

Y denotes an unsubstituted, linear or branched C<sub>11</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylene or alkenylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero~~ wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5, the groups R<sub>1</sub> may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

8. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, comprising a salt obtained by addition with an inorganic acid selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric, sulphuric, nitric and phosphoric acids.

9. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, comprising a salt obtained by addition with an organic acid selected from the group consisting of succinic, fumaric, lactic, glycolic, citric and tartaric acids.

10. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- m = 0 or 1,
- R<sub>1</sub> is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> where R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,
- R<sub>2</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a saturated, linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group,
- W is an unsubstituted, linear C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylene or alkenylene chain,
- X is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> where R<sub>11</sub> is a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group,
- Y is an unsubstituted, branched C<sub>11</sub>-C<sub>16</sub> alkylene chain.

11. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

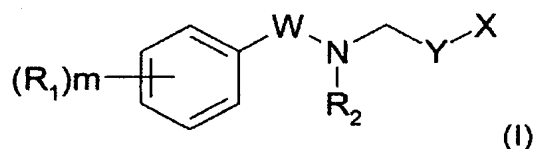
- $m = 0$  or  $1$ ,
- $R_1$  is a group  $-OH$  or  $-OCH_3$ ,
- $R_2$  is a hydrogen atom or an ethyl group,
- $W$  is a trimethylene or propenylene chain,
- $X$  is a group  $-OH$ ,
- $Y$  is an unsubstituted  $di(C_5-C_7)$ alkyl ethylene or  $di(C_5-C_7)$ dialkyl pentylene chain.

12. (Original): The composition according to Claim 11, wherein the compound of formula (I) is such that:  $m = 0$ ;  $R_2$  is an ethyl group;  $X = OH$ ;  $Y$  is a dipentylethylene chain; and  $W$  is a trimethylene chain.

13. (Original): The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the compound of formula (I) represents from 0.1 to 2% of the total weight of the composition.

14. (Original): The composition according to claim 7, further comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of: desquamating agents; moisturizing agents; depigmenting or propigmenting agents; antiglycation agents; NO-synthase inhibitors; agents stimulating the synthesis of dermal or epidermal macromolecules and/or preventing their degradation; agents stimulating the proliferation of fibroblasts and/or of the keratinocytes or stimulating the differentiation of the keratinocytes; muscle-relaxing agents; tightening agents; antipollution and/or anti-radical agents; agents acting on the microcirculation; agents acting on the energy metabolism of the cells; and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended): A method, comprising topically applying to wrinkles and/or fine lines at least one compound of formula (I):



in which:

$R_1$  denotes a saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl group, or a group -CN, -OR<sub>11</sub>, -SR<sub>11</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, -COR<sub>11</sub>, -COOR<sub>11</sub>, -CONR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>-CO-R<sub>12</sub>, -NR<sub>11</sub>-CO-NR<sub>12</sub>R<sub>13</sub> or -CF<sub>3</sub> or a halogen atom,

where  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{12}$  and  $R_{13}$  independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group, or an aryl group optionally substituted with a group -OR, -NRR', -COOR or CF<sub>3</sub>,

where R and R' independently denote a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl group,

$R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom or an unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl group,

W is an unsubstituted, linear  $C_2$ - $C_4$  alkylene or alkenylene chain, or a methylene chain,

X is a group -OR<sub>11</sub> or -NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub>, where  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  have the meanings indicated above,

Y denotes an unsubstituted, linear or branched  $C_{11}$ - $C_{20}$  alkylene or alkenylene chain,

m is an integer between 0 and 5,

~~wherein when m is not zero~~ wherein when m is 2, 3, 4 or 5, the groups  $R_1$  may be identical or different,

addition salts with an acid thereof, and stereo-isomers thereof.

16. (Original): The method according to Claim 15, wherein the said wrinkles and fine lines are expression wrinkles and fine lines.

17. (Original): A method for the cosmetic treatment of wrinkled skin; comprising topically applying to the skin a composition according to Claim 7.

18. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein said composition is applied to the areas of the face or of the forehead marked by expression wrinkles and fine lines, and/or to people having expression wrinkles and fine lines.

19. (Original): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the said composition is applied to the wrinkles and fine lines arranged radially around the mouth and/or the eyes and/or horizontally on the forehead and/or situated in the inter-superciliary space.